

# News Release

Arizona State Land Department  
Forestry Division



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## **FIRE RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT ON STATE TRUST LANDS**

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA** – The Arizona State Land Department will implement fire and smoking restrictions starting at 8:00 am on Thursday, April 28, 2005.

The restrictions have become necessary due to continued hot, dry conditions and increasing fire danger. These conditions greatly increase the risk of major wildfires according to Cliff Pearlberg, State Fire Prevention Officer.

The restrictions will apply to All State Trust Lands within La Paz, Maricopa, Pinal, and Yuma counties. They will remain in effect from April 28, through July 31, 2005 or until further notice.

The restrictions are as follows:

- < Building, maintaining, or using a fire, campfire, or charcoal burning device. except as specifically permitted by the State Forester on a case by case basis. Petroleum fueled stoves, lanterns, or heating devices are exempt from these restrictions.
- < Using fireworks as defined in ARS § 36-1601.
- < Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, building, developed campground, or stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials..

These restrictions apply to all permits and leases issued by the State Land Department and holders of hunting and fishing licenses.

Any state, federal, or local fire or law enforcement officer, or member of an organized firefighting force is exempt from these prohibitions while in the performance of their official firefighting duties.

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